

# **ABBREVIATIONS**

## ACCEPTABLE ABBREVIATIONS

<u>ABBREVIATION</u>		<u>MEANING</u>
<b>A</b>	ab/AB	abortion
	abd	abdominal
	abn	abnormal
	AC	antecubital
	ACLS	Advanced Cardiac Life Support
	AFIB	Atrial Fibrillation
	A-Flut	Atrial Flutter
	AICD	Automatic Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator
	ALS	Advanced Life Support
	AMA	against medical advice
	amb	ambulance
	amp	ampule
	&	and
	ASA	aspirin
	ASAP	As Soon As Possible
	ASHD	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
	@	at
	AVPU	Alert, Verbal, Painful, Unresponsive
	ax	axillary
<b>B</b>	BB	backboard
	BH	Base Hospital
	Bicarb	bicarbonate
	bil or bilat	bilateral
	BLS	Basic Life Support
	BP, B/P	Blood Pressure
	Brady	Bradycardic, bradycardia
	BS	blood sugar
	BVM	bag-valve-mask
<b>C</b>	CA	cancer
	Δ	change
	√	check
	CAD	Coronary Artery Disease
	c.c.	cubic centimeter (equals one ml.)
	c/c	cervical collar

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C.C.		chief complaint
CCU		Coronary Care Unit
CHF		Congestive Heart Failure
c/o		complains of
CO <sub>2</sub>		carbon dioxide
CO		carbon monoxide
COPD		Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
Comp. or cpd		compound
cl		clear
CPR		Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
C-Spine		Cervical Spine
CT		Computerized Tomography (CAT scan)
CTV		Critical Trauma Victim
CVA		Cerebrovascular Accident (stroke)
<b>D</b>	↓	decrease, depressed, below, lower
	DC	discontinue
	defib	defibrillate, defibrillation
	design	designation
	Dx	diagnosis
	diff.	difficulty
	Dig	Digoxin
	DOA	dead on arrival
	DOB	date of birth
	DC	discontinue
	DNR	Do-Not-Resuscitate
	DPT	diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus
	DPAHC	Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care
	dsg	dressing
	DT	diphtheria, tetanus
	d/s or d-stick	dextrose stick
<b>E</b>	EBL	Estimated Blood Loss
	ECG/EKG	electrocardiogram
	ED	Emergency Department
	EMT-I	Emergency Medical Technician

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EMT-P	Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic
EOA	Esophageal Obturator Airway
Epi	Epinephrine
=	equals
ER	Emergency Room
est	estimated
ET	endotracheal
ETI	endotracheal intubation
ETT	endotracheal tube
ETA	Estimated Time of Arrival
ETOH, E <sub>T</sub> OH	alcohol (Ethanol)
expir. or exp.	expiratory
ext.	extremity
<b>F</b>	
FD	fire department
FFN	Free flow nebulizer
FROM	Full Range of Motion
ft	foot, feet
Fx	fracture
<b>G</b>	
G	gravid
GB	gall bladder
GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale
GI	gastrointestinal
gm	gram
gtt.	drop
gen'l	general
>	greater than
GSW	gunshot wound
GU	genitourinary
<b>H</b>	
H	hypodermic injection
h, hr., °	hour
H <sub>2</sub> O	water
h/a, HA	headache
H/B, HB	Head Bed™
HBO	Hyperbaric Oxygenation

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HCTZ		Hydrochlorothiazide
♥		heart
Hg.		mercury
HIV, HIV III		Human Immunodeficiency virus (AIDS Virus)
Hx		history
hosp.		hospital
HTN		hypertension
I	↑	increase, elevated, superior to
ICP		intracranial pressure
ICU		Intensive Care Unit
IM		Intramuscular
inj.		injury or injection
IV		Intravenous
IVP		IV Push, IV bolus
IVPB		IV Piggy-Back
insp.		inspiratory
irreg.		irregular
J	j	joules
	JVD	Jugular Vein Distension
K	K, K+	Potassium
	KCl	Potassium Chloride
	Kg	kilogram
L	L	liter
	lac.	laceration
	<	less than
	lg	large
	L, L	left
L	AC, LAC	Left Antecubital
	LFA	Left Forearm
○ LH		Left Hand
○ Lido		Lidocaine
	LLQ	Left Lower Quadrant
	LMP	Last Menstrual Period

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LOC	Level of Conscious
L Spine	Lumbar Spine
L-S Spine	Lumbar sacral spine
LCB	Lungs Clear Bilaterally
LUQ	Left Upper Quadrant
<b>M</b>	
MD	Doctor of Medicine
mEq	milliequivalent
mg., mgm.	milligram
meds	medications
ml	milliliter
mm	millimeter
MBL	Minimal Blood Loss
MCA	Motorcycle Accident
MCI	mass casualty incident
>	more than
MI	Myocardial Infarction
MICN	Mobile Intensive Care Nurse
min	minutes or minimal
mod	moderate
MS	Morphine Sulfate
MTV	Moderate Trauma Victim
mult.	multiple
MVI	multiple victim incident
<b>N</b>	
NA	not applicable to chief complaint, physical findings or history
NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	Sodium Bicarbonate
NB	newborn
NC	Nasal Cannula
neg.	negative
neg. 2°	negative secondary
neuro	neurological
NKA	no known allergies
Δ	no change
Ø	no, none
≠	not equal, unequal

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NP	nasopharyngeal
NPO	nothing by mouth
NRC	Nearest Receiving Center
NS	Normal Saline
NSR	Normal Sinus Rhythm
N/T	not taken
NTG	Nitroglycerine
N/V	Nausea and Vomiting
<b>O</b>	
O <sub>2</sub>	oxygen
ob	Obstetrics
obst	obstructed
occ	occasional
OCC	Orange County Communications
o.d.	each day
O.D.	right-eye
OD	overdose
O.P.	opharyngeal
OR	operating room, surgery
O.S.	left-eye
O.U.	both eyes
Ox	orientation
<b>P</b>	
P	pulse
<u>p</u>	after
palp.	palpable
PAC	Premature Atrial Complex
P/M	paramedic
PAT	Paroxysmal Atrial Tachycardia
PCN	penicillin
PCT	patient contact time
PD	Police Department
P.E.	physical exam; pulmonary embolus
PEA	pulsless electrical activity
ped	pedestrian
peds	pediatrics

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pg		pregnant
PID		Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
PJC		Premature Junctional Contraction
PMD		Private Medical Doctor
PNRC		Paramedic Neurosurgical Receiving Center
p.o.		by mouth
poss		possible
+		positive
⊕, P/P		positive pressure
POV		Privately Owned Vehicle
PRC		Paramedic Receiving Center
PRN		As needed
PTA		Prior to Arrival
PTC		Prior to Contact
PTRC		Paramedic Trauma Receiving Center
PVC		Premature Ventricular Complex
Pulm Ed		pulmonary edema
<b>Q</b>	<u>—</u> q	every
<b>R</b>	R	respiration, regular
	R, R	Right
R AC, RAC		Right antecubital
	RC	Receiving Center
	re:	regarding
	react	reactive
rep.		respirations
RFA		Right Forearm
RH		Right Hand
RLQ		Right Lower Quadrant
ROM		Range of Motion
R/O		Rule Out
RUQ		Right Upper Quadrant
<b>S</b>	<u>—</u> s	without
S. Brady		Sinus Bradycardia

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SC, SQ, Subq.	Subcutaneous
seiz.	seizure
SIDS	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
sl	slight
S.L., SL	sublingual
SLVPI	Sublinqual Venous Plexus Injection
sm	small
SOB	Shortness of Breath
SpO <sub>2</sub>	percent oxygen saturation
spont.	spontaneous
S/S	Signs and symptoms
S/S, S & S	soft and supple
S-Spine	Sacral spine
ST↑	segment elevation
ST↓	segment depression
S. Tach	Sinus tachycardia
STAT	immediately
SVT	supraventricular tachycardia
 <b>I</b>	
T, temp	temperature
tab	tablet
TB	tuberculosis
TC	traffic accident, traffic collision
TCN	tetracylcine
TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
TKO	to keep open
TPR	temperature, pulse, respiration
trach	tracheostomy, trachea
T-spine	Thoracic Spine
Tx	Treatment
 <b>U</b>	
UGI	Upper Gastro Intestinal
unc.	unconscious
unk	unknown
URI	Upper Respiratory Infection
URP	Unreliable Patient

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UTE		unable to establish
UTI		Urinary Tract Infection
<b>V</b>	vag.	vaginal
	V. Fib	Ventricular Fibrillation
	via	by
	VS	vital signs
<b>W</b>	<u>c</u>	with
	<u>s</u>	without
	WNL	within normal limits
	WS	watt–seconds
<b>Y</b>	y.o.	year old
	M	male
	F	female